

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 1:

"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on line 34 of page 2:

"SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION"

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 4:

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING"

Please add the following heading before the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 4:

"DETAILED DESCRIPTION"

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

"The invention relates to a tool for the production of cast components ~~as defined by the preamble of patent claim 1.~~ In addition, the invention relates to a method for the production of such a tool, ~~as defined by the preamble of patent claim 6~~ as well as a method, for the production of a cast component ~~as defined by the preamble of patent claim 11.~~"

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 5.

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25.

Please add the Abstract as attached hereto.